

# Department Store Sold



OSCAR STRUMWASSER  
... Heads New Store

## Merchant Trio Buys Almond's; Name Changed

Beginning tomorrow, Almond's Department Store will be under new ownership, according to Harold Chaney, president owner, and Oscar Strumwasser, president of the company purchasing the local business.

Strumwasser will be associated in the operation of the department store at 1261 Sartori avenue with his brother, Arthur, and his brother-in-law, Jacob Strumwasser.

Oscar and Arthur for the past 18 years operated a highly respected and successful dry goods concern in Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies. The name of the local store has been changed to Strum's Department Store.

To remain as manager of the store will be Bob, Almond, brother of the late John Almond. Until his death on October 16 of last year, John Almond was a partner in the store with Chaney. The store was originally called Chaney's until Almond became a partner at which time it was changed to Almond's Department Store.

**SPLIT DUTIES**  
Oscar will take an active part in the supervision of the store while Arthur is planning a trip to New York where he will act as a buyer. Jacob will be associated in the management of the store on a part time basis. The president of the company has two children, Mrs. Mina Rubenstein of Brentwood, and a son, Felix, now a pre-medical student at UCLA, Jacob's son. Eric is a physicist with the Howard Hughes Aircraft Corporation. Arthur has two children living in New York.



ARTHUR STRUMWASSER  
... Seans New York Market



JACOB STRUMWASSER  
... Knows Merchandising

## Brother of Former Resident Passes

Funeral services were conducted last week for Evan N. Williams, 36, brother of Mrs. H. E. Appenzeller, former Torrance resident. Williams died of leukemia for which he had been confined to the Wadsworth Hospital since Thanksgiving.

## Double Orchids For Store Visitors; Washer Offered

Beautiful double orchids will be given away tomorrow, Friday, to the first 300 ladies who drop in at the new Strum's Department Store, formerly Almond's, as a get acquainted gesture by the Strumwassers, new owners of the store.

In addition an electric washing machine and bicycle will be given away to the two persons coming closest to the correct number of beans contained in a large crystal bowl at the store.

No purchase is necessary to obtain an orchid or to enter the bean guessing contest, Strumwasser said.

For the opening sales event, the president of Strum's Department Store, Inc., has purchased enormous amounts of new merchandise and reduced prices on hundreds of items already on hand.

"Our motto and policy," said Strumwasser, "is 'Honest Merchandise, Honest Prices.'"

## Parents of New Enrollees Reminded of Roundup Date

The annual "Spring Roundup" for children who will enter Fern Avenue School kindergarten next September will be held on April 24 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At present the State Education Code states that a child must be four and one-half years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year to be admitted to kindergarten.

If you have a child who fits into that age bracket, and live in the Fern Avenue attendance zone, please phone 2008 for an appointment for the Spring Roundup.

During this time the school district physician, Dr. H. V. Markham, will give each child a physical examination, an enrollment card will be filled out on each child, and teachers will be available to explain the kindergarten program.

## Navy Pilot Qualifies For Carrier Landings

Lt. (j.g.) Samuel V. Powell Jr., USN, husband of Mrs. Patricia C. Powell of 5012 Sharynne lane, was among the pilots of Fighter Squadron 783 qualifying for carrier operations recently aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard.

All pilots in the squadron qualified, making the required number of takeoffs and landings from the carrier. The operation was headed by a degree of precision timing between the pilots and the ship's crew. It was the first operation between the newly "demoth-billed" carrier and the reactive

## COPPER FOUND

Copper was believed discovered in the Sinai peninsula as early as 4000 B.C. and was introduced in southeastern Europe in about 3000 B.C.

ated reserve group. Lt. Powell is now undergoing further training at the U.S. Naval Air Station, San Diego.

## Driver Honored By Union Oil

Fred Amen, 718 Portola avenue, has received a special "Safe Driver" award presented by the Union Oil Company to employees who have driven a company vehicle a minimum of three years without an accident. Presentation of the honor pin was made by R. W. Thompson, automotive superintendent, on behalf of Reese H. Taylor, President. Amen has been employed by the Union Oil Company for eight years, and until recently has been stationed at their Phoenix Marketing Station, where he was charged with maintenance of all automotive equipment in that district. He is now working at the company's new Rosecrans Terminal. He has one grown son who is living with his parents at the present time awaiting call to the military service. Union recently established the award to encourage its drivers to practice "defensive driving" and made it retroactive for three years. Rules are comparable to those of the National Safety Council.

## Mrs. Don Hyde Renamed Head Of Red Cross

Election of officers who will serve Torrance branch, American Red Cross during 1951-52 highlighted the annual meeting held Friday at headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce.

Results of the election revealed that Mrs. Don H. Hyde will continue to lead the group as chairman.

Other officers elected to office were:

Mrs. John W. Beeman, vice-chairman; Mrs. William C. Coburn, secretary and R. J. Deininger, treasurer.

Nominated from the floor to complete the executive committee were the following board members: Mrs. C. A. Curtiss and Mrs. O. A. Kresser.

Torrance branch will participate in the fifth annual "Band Benefit Parade," it was agreed. Gordon Bent, Los Angeles chapter representative, in a brief message emphasized the importance of all out assistance to the Civil Defense program and pointed out the nature of the present stress.

A class in home nursing to start April 26 (4 to 6 p.m.) was announced by Mrs. Beeman.

**County Health Officer Offers Budgeting Aid**  
"Family food cost, a serious problem these days, can be reduced by 10 to 25 percent," is the assurance given this week by Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, County Health Officer.

Dr. Gilbert states that his department has assembled marketing and menu information which can shrink family spending on food without lowering nutritional values.

He added that the economy food information will be sent without cost to any citizen writing the County Health Department, 808 N. Spring street, Los Angeles 12.

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ARMOUR'S SKINLESS WIENERS <b>49¢ lb.</b>	LEAN BOILING BEEF <b>34¢ lb.</b>
HICKORY SMOKE BACON SQUARES <b>29¢ lb.</b>	

Laura Scudder's FULL QUART MAYONNAISE <b>65¢</b>	VITA PAK Jumbo 46-oz. Tin TOMATO JUICE <b>19¢</b>	SUPREMA No. 2 Can CHERRIES <b>21¢</b>	COMPLETE DETERGENT FOR AUTOMATIC CLOTHES OR DISH WASHERS <b>ALL</b> 24-Oz. Pkg. <b>39¢</b> 0-Lb. Pkg. <b>\$2.49</b>
Sunshine 1-lb. box KRISPIE Crackers <b>23¢</b>	Our Best—Full Quart Dill Pickles <b>25¢</b>	Rialto—No. 2 Can Tomatoes <b>19¢</b>	Spiced—Full Quart Gr. Olives <b>49¢</b>
Dixie—20-oz. Jar STRAWBERRY JAM <b>49¢</b>			

IMPERIAL VALLEY Approx. 5-lb. Basket <b>Tomatoes 49¢</b>	NEW CROP WHITE ROSE POTATOES <b>10 LBS FOR 29¢</b>	FANCY ITALIAN Squash <b>2 LBS. FOR 15¢</b>
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